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In re Application of:	)	
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David Burton, et al.	)	
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Serial No.: 10/594,181	)	
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	)	
AN IMPROVED LUER FITTING	)	
CONNECTION	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Before examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests that the following Preliminary Amendment be entered.